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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CASEY E. JORDAN, CHAIRMAN, April 7, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. DeMore, Mr. Stott, Mrs. Rapp, Mr. Rhinehart, *Mr. Stanczyk, Ms. Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Meyer and see attached list (*Attachment 1*)

Chairman Jordan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. DeMore, seconded by Mr. Stott to waive the reading of the minutes; MOTION CARRIED; a motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Stott to approve the minutes; MOTION CARRIED.

1. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: PULLED

2. SOCPA: Mr. Don Jordan, Director

a. Create Research Technician I, Grade 9 @ \$38,313 - \$42,378 effective May 10, 2008
Abolish Planner I, Grade 11 @ \$44,012 - \$48,711 effective May 10, 20

Person would work in their Address Administration Unit that supports the 911 program, would be looking into problems with addresses, assigning new addresses, working with public safety entities and post offices. Person who had been doing the work in the Planner I position retired.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Stott to approve this item.

Mr. Rhinehart mentioned that the County is talking about updating the County Master Plan, asked about getting all the towns to sign on and how they plan to address that. Mr. Jordan said they are discussing that.

Mr. Stott asked if the money from the reduction in salary would go back into their budget. Mr. Jordan said he believes so.

A vote was taken on this item and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

3. ONCENTER:

a. Audit Report - David Marnell

Mr. Marnell distributed a report entitled Oncenter Complex 4th Quarter Review for 2007 (on file with Clerk). Mr. Marnell said they had a very good year. Revenues for 2007 were budgeted at \$9,626,378, brought in \$10,383,844 - up 7.3%. Expenses were budgeted at \$9,726,378, came in at \$10,201,966 - up 4.6% (Phantom of the Opera had 30 days of revenue that had to be paid out to direct labor).

- **Revenue:**
 - Space Rental: budgeted at \$1,300,000, came in at \$1,435,886, up 8.3%.
 - Services & Personnel: budgeted at \$650,000, actual \$1,383,746 (a lot of that was Phantom of the Opera).
 - Food Service: came in at \$4,106,046 up 1.37% over 2006.
 - Food Service Novelties: were up \$7,268 over 2006.
 - Parking: up, but also expenses up for running Parking Lot 17 for the month of December.

- ROT: \$100,000 less than 2006.

Expense:

- Personnel Services Benefits: up \$494,317 (part time labor)
- Office-event Supplies: up \$14,012 over 2006
- Fees for Services: up \$11,371 over 2006
- Travel & Training: up \$13,008 over 2006
- Maintenance and Utilities: up \$196,076 over 2006 (some of that is fees related to the parking lot)
- Print-Advertising-Promo: up \$445
- Other Operating Expenses: up \$207
- Cost of Goods Sold - FS: up \$86,833
- Other Food Service Expenses: up \$20,627

In answer to Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marnell said the \$100,000 difference between Revenue and Expenses is due to the shortfall in the ROT, they were forced to take the loss out of the fund balance.

Mr. Stanczyk asked what the present fund balance is; Mr. Marnell said \$35,000. Mr. Stanczyk asked what they are scheduled to get from ROT for 2008. **Mr. Marnell said he did not have the figure with him, would get back to him.** Mr. Stanczyk said he would like to know what the fund balance is, what the variance was, what they are looking forward to for 2008, are they building up the fund balance or using it. Mr. Marnell said when they presented their budget for the 2007 operating year, they had requested \$1,930,000, instead they were given \$1,830,000, told to take \$100,000 from fund balance. **Mr. Stanczyk would like Budget to let them know how this happened in 2007.** Mr. Rhinehart said he recollects that at the Budget hearing the County proposed to take all the funds needed for Oncenter renovation from ROT; the Legislature decided that some of their fund balance should be used. Mr. Marnell said the fund balance was \$35,762 as of the close of December 31, 2007. Mr. Stanczyk said ROT in 2006 was \$1.93 million, in 2007 \$1.83 million, asked what is scheduled for 2008. **Mr. Marnell said he doesn't have the figure with him, will get a report over to him.**

Mr. Marnell reviewed that they came to the Legislature in February 2006 because they had a loss in 2005 and had no fund balance left. A significant loss was projected due to spiking utilities and revenues not being generated, and they asked for \$200,000. The Legislature granted it and the money came in July of 2006, they never ended up spending it and it went to the fund balance; in 07 they were doing well and requested to use that for renovations. Also in operating year of 2007 there had been a debate about the way they spend their capital reserve. Mr. Kochian noted that the capital account (\$250,000 given annually for maintenance items) wasn't being utilized with the intent of the language - should be \$10,000 and useful life of greater than a year. They had been taking any items with useful life of greater than a year out of that account. The language was cleared up and anything that was under \$10,000 in the 2007 operating year did not come out of the restricted account, it came out of their operating account and was never part of the budget. On top of everything else, they had a very good year and expensed items that were never part of the budget. Mr. Marnell said they have posted contributions to the fund balance in January, February and March, have a great team and are working smarter as well as hard.

In answer to Mr. Stott, Mr. Marnell said the War Memorial is 52 years old and the Convention Center just celebrated its 15th year; there are a lot of things that go awry - elevators, escalators and equipment that it is now part of the operating budget in the 2008 year. They really need to look at the capital side - \$250,000 for three buildings doesn't really cover a lot; they have asked our state legislators for their support with grant money to help them primarily in the War Memorial. Mr. Stott asked if they have adjusted preventative maintenance schedules accordingly. Mr. Marnell said they have a software program that takes care of that; they are handling it appropriately.

Mrs. Rapp asked what was happening with the planned hotel and are they losing business because construction hasn't started. Mr. Marnell said they lost an event that was going to be here in January that would have generated a significant amount of room nights. Sales team spent a great deal of time and effort in Albany showcasing the facility and hopefully the new Westin Hotel; they have gone through this three times with the Hotel Syracuse and now Syracuse is becoming at the bottom of the list, it is difficult. Meeting planners who do come here end up with the highest attendance compared to the other cities, because it is at the crossroads of the state; they have everything going for them except the hotel, has hurt their business tremendously. They are doing more local business, but that wasn't the intent of the convention center.

Mr. Stanczyk said there were those of them who said it made no sense to take public land and sell it to a private developer and give all kinds of benefits; decision should have been and still should be to have the County build the hotel. Everything is publicly subsidized, could have asked for a lot more money from the State because wouldn't be asking on behalf of a private developer, would have been well ahead if we had made that decision in the past.

Mr. Marnell noted that they have a great product, it is affordable, people love coming here, they spend a tremendous amount of time selling it, and it gets down to the lack of a hotel. *Mr. Stanczyk left the meeting.

4. Informational - Home Headquarters Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Grant - Kerry Quaglia, Executive Director; Sharon Owens, Home Ownership Center Manager

A packet was distributed concerning programs and services of Home Headquarters, Inc. *(on file with Clerk)*.

Mr. Quaglia said they have been in operation for about eleven years, mission is neighborhood revitalization through home ownership; everything they do boils down to helping to create another homeowner or keeping a homeowner in place. Their three functions:

- Community Development lender - lend to folks to do needed improvements to keep them in their homes even when a traditional bank or credit union would not. They get government sources of funds from HUD, State dollars, private dollars from banks and credit unions and also from Neighbor Works America.
- Real Estate Development - purchase distressed properties, HUD homes or homes that may be taken over by a taxing authority to renovate them and get them in the hands of owner occupants again, predominately low and moderate income occupants.
- Home Buyer Counseling - buyer support for first time homeowners and post purchasing counseling.

Mr. Quaglia said they started to see a lot of foreclosures about three/four years ago; initially they were in specific neighborhoods in the city of Syracuse (south and west side). City of Syracuse provided them with a grant to do some counseling and foreclosure intervention with the owners and also counseling and intervention, on behalf of the homeowner, with the lender by negotiating forbearance agreements with the lenders or by reducing interest rates, making terms a little better or putting some of the delinquency at the end of the loan. Today they see that foreclosures have broadened to other areas.

Ms. Owens said foreclosures in the city are expanding and they are now finding them in the more affluent areas, also getting more calls concerning foreclosure counseling in the County. With the funding they just received from NeighborWorks, they plan to hire an additional person specifically targeting County individuals who are close to losing their homes, regardless of income. In the neighborhoods that have been predominately overrun with foreclosures, they have found that it is because of medical issues or loss of jobs; in the more affluent areas and in the county, the cases are coming up because of adjustable rate mortgages, teaser rates.

In answer to Mr. Jordan, Ms. Owens said they provide the counseling education; they do not steer to one particular bank. Ms. Owens said their job is to prepare the first time buyer, they spend a lot of time on credit and reducing debt, helping people to organize their budget or develop a budget, show the importance of saving and maintaining a record of their finances. Mr. Quaglia said they have been able to work with the banks to have some of the best financial products for first time home buyers, haven't been as successful with coming up with refinancing packages for folks in trouble with their existing mortgages; found the best strategy is to work with the lender until they change some terms. Ms. Owens said they also have funding that they set aside to assist in those negotiations if a person needs to provide a deposit that they may not have, but it is seldom used.

Mr. Rhinehart asked how they find the homes they deal with. Mr. Quaglia said they check the HUD website for distressed properties, get notifications from the City of Syracuse about properties that are tax delinquent or properties where the tax liens are about to be sold. Mr. Rhinehart asked where their funding comes from. Mr. Quaglia said they are a private not-for-profit and have about thirty different funding sources; they apply competitively for funds from the state and federal governments, City of Syracuse, NeighborWorks America (national not-for-profit of 240 organizations around the country) and Syracuse Neighborhood Initiative (funds Congressman Walsh brought in). Mr. Rhinehart asked where the money comes from to help clients with negotiations with the banks to prevent foreclosures. Ms. Owens said they receive from \$100,000 from the City of Syracuse to run the program, about \$10,000 of that is set aside for that purpose.

Mr. Stott said the mortgage products out there have thrown Central New York into an unstable, overly assessed mess. Taxes and assessments are increasing and people are being pushed out of their homes. The value that they are providing in the city and also the county is critical, a lot of personal responsibility has gone by the wayside and the elected officials are held accountable for taxation. Mr. Stott asked if they have statistics about how many of the foreclosures can be attributed to poor decisions by the individual concerning mortgage. Mr. Quaglia will try to find out.

Mr. DeMore asked if they see problems with fixed rate mortgages or just the variable. Ms. Owens said they have been seeing issues more in the variable rates; fixed rate is more because of job loss, health reasons. Mr. Quaglia noted that they have said from day one that in order to get down payment assistance, the consumer would have to have a prime mortgage. Ms. Owens said their Down Payment Assistance program serves as a safety net for them to catch individuals before they make a bad decision.

Ms. Williams said a lot of residents in her area go through the program, thanked them for all that they do.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna H. Robb, Deputy Clerk

**COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
BERNARD KRAFT, CHAIRMAN, April 8, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kilmartin, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Kinne Mr. Laguzza, Mr. Masterpole

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Lesniak

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Meyer and see attached list (Attachment 1)

Chairman Kraft called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made By Mr. Laguzza , seconded by , to waive the reading of the minutes and a motion was made by , seconded by to approve the minutes of the proceedings of the previous committee meeting; MOTION CARRIED.

1. TRANSPORTATION:

**a. Abolish 6 Highway Night Shift Supervisors, Grade 10 @ \$41,171 - \$45,555 effective May 10, 2008
Create 6 Highway Shift Supervisors, Grade 9 @ \$38,313 - \$42,378 effective May 10, 2008**

It has been determined that they are not able to use the Highway Night Shift Supervisor positions for the full winter season; because it is a tested position, they can only use it for three months. In discussions with Personnel, it was decided to create Highway Shift Supervisor positions for the full year, would use them as they do now in the winter and in the summer as an Assistant Section Foreman (would fill in for Section Foreman when that person is off and would still do labor crew leader work the rest of the summer time). These would not be six additional people. Salary impact: a minus the first year of \$468 total, an addition of \$313 total when they all reach maximum, pretty much a wash. This would be a tested position, would be a stepping-stone from Labor Crew Leader to Section Foreman. Mr. Kraft noted that these same six people would be one grade less in the winter and one grade more in the summer.

Mr. Jordan asked if all the Labor Crew Leaders would be considered Highway Shift Supervisors. Mr. Lynch said no, there would be six out of the twenty and they would be tested positions. The six Highway Night Shift Supervisor positions will be abolished when they become empty.

In answer to Mr. Masterpole, Mr. Lynch said the Highway Shift Supervisors would act strictly as a supervisor in the winter and as a Labor Crew Leader overseeing the crew in the summer. Mr. Masterpole said he would just as soon abolish six Grade 10 and create eight Grade 9 positions so that they would not have the problems with the overtime issue discussed at last month's meeting.

Mr. Laguzza asked if these individuals are aware that there is a job description flip every six months. Mr. Lynch replied "yes" and they are aware that they have to be willing to work nights in the winter. Mr. Leo said the president and vice president of the union have been involved in discussions and are aware of this.

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza, seconded by Mr. Masterpole to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. Authorizing the sale of County Highway property located in the Town of Dewitt to Mayflower Elm Holdings, LLC and Pavone Associates, LLC (\$14,745)

A map was distributed to the committee members (on file with Clerk). Mr. Lynch noted that this is at the intersection of Erie Boulevard and Bridge Street in the Town of DeWitt. County has owned this property since the 1920's. This piece of road hasn't been used since the State constructed Rt. 690 and moved Bridge Street. A portion of the road was sold in 1982, would sell the remainder of the property in two separate parcels to Mayflower Elm Holdings (\$10174) and Pavone Associates (\$4,571). County has no use for the property, would reduce liability, and it is to the County's advantage to get it off the books. Mr. Kraft asked the percentage of acres for the two pieces. Mr. Lynch said one is .21 acres and the other .1 acre. Mr. Laguzza said he doesn't see much use for development, greater chance of risk of liability as apposed to value. Mr. Lynch said a reputable appraiser did the appraisal, paid for by the buyers. In answer to Mr. Kinne, Mr. Lynch said the County gave the companies a list of reputable appraisers to choose from. Mr. Kraft requested that they outline the county parcel on the map for the Ways and Means meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Masterpole, seconded by Mr. Kinne to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

c. Authorizing the reconstruction and construction of improvements to various bridges in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,325,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$1,325,000 serial bonds of said County to pay the cost thereof

d. Authorizing the reconstruction and construction of improvements to various highways in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$8,665,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$8,665,000 serial bonds of said County to pay the cost thereof

Copies of the 2008 Highway Plan were provided to the committee members (on file with Clerk). Mr. Kraft noted that they a

proposing \$9.9 million bonds, close to what they were a year ago. Mr. Coley distributed an information sheet concerning borrowing since 1991 (*Attachment 2*), noted that the CHIPS money listed at \$4,062,000 for 2008 could go up another \$685,000; if that happens, they would reduce the borrowing accordingly. If the bond resolutions are passed by the County Legislature before the State budget is approved, Ms. Tarolli said they could do one of two things - either come back and amend the bond resolution or not use what they don't have to, don't have to borrow for full amount just because they have the authorization. Mr. Gottstein said they would have to come back to the Legislature to amend the budget to accept additional CHIPS money, could amend the bonds at that time. Mr. Masterpole asked if the authorization counts against the debt limit, Ms. Tarolli said yes, but that it is such a small amount, they usually wouldn't come back to amend for that.

Mr. Lynch highlighted projects for the 2008 year (*Attachment 3*)

- 1) Highway Projects: reconstruction projects.
- 2) Federal Aid Projects: projects that are in the process of being designed (County funds 20% for design, 5% for construction.
- 3) Traffic system Management: Morgan Road at Fairways East - will have a traffic signal; Bellevue project has grown to include the intersection of Bellevue and Onondaga (rest of the road was funded in previous years).
- 4) Cold Mix Bituminous Reconstruction: used on their low volume roads - 15 miles listed.
- 6) Bridges: \$75,000 in Operating Budget for stream cleaning (not bondable)
- 7) Paving: 38 miles listed, asphalt is going up significantly, numbers were based on a cost of \$190,000 a mile. The base price of asphalt in February was \$383 a vendor ton, in April it is up to \$438 (almost a 20% increase), has never gone up this much. Mr. Coley said they will pave what they can of the 38 miles with the set amount of money, last year had to reduce mileage by almost 2 miles. Mr. Lynch said they are doing pavement preservation techniques on roads that are five years old and still in good shape, trying to get fifteen years out of them instead of twelve. Mr. Lynch said the County has 800 miles of road; asphalt prices could be a severe problem in the future; talked with the City regarding their new asphalt plant, may have ability to do business with them in the future.

In answer to Mr. Laguzza, Mr. Lynch said they have 95 bridges that are over 20 feet that are inspected by the State every two years.

In answer to Mr. Masterpole, Mr. Lynch said they do a three-inch overlay, feels they should get twelve years. Mr. Lynch said there are 480 miles of hot mix and the rest cold mix.

Mr. Kilmartin asked what work has been done prior to today concerning design and engineering for the Velasko Road/Bellevue Ave. project. Mr. Lynch said the Bellevue Ave. portion of the road that was scheduled for reconstruction and has been funded, is designed and ready to go; they are waiting on work to be done by others concerning utility lines and sewer relocation. The intersection that was added to the project is in design right now, could be under construction this year depending on utilities, etc. Mr. Coley said they are approaching design approval by the State on the Velasko Rd. project; expect it to go out to bid this year with utility work over the winter of 2009. Mr. Kilmartin said a number of his constituents came to him with concerns about Winkworth and Bellevue Ave area because of road conditions and safety concerns; the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and engineers did research, secured information and found that there were significant safety problems; they were proactive in coming back with solutions and options and worked with the town and the school district.

Mr. Jordan asked if there is an opportunity to get additional money from the federal government. Mr. Lynch said the next submittal for federal money is this coming November (every two years).

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza, seconded by Mr. Kilmartin to approve item 1c.. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza, seconded by Mr. Kilmartin to approve item 1d. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

f. **Discussion: Advance Step Hire - Highway Maintenance Supervisor (March meeting) and memorandum from** Mr. Lynch clarifying how this position operates and why it is entitled to receive compensatory time.

Mr. Lynch noted that there was concern about this position at Session, distributed copies of his memorandum, dated April 8, 2008 (*on file with Clerk*). Mr. Lynch said the position was originally set up to be paid overtime, in 1992 by resolution it was changed and put into the classification of receiving comp time. People have been receiving comp time along with the upgraded position since then. Maximum comp time is 30 days per year; anything not used would be turned into sick time. Mr. Lynch said the Legislature has authorized an advance step hire three times since 1992 for this position. Mr. Kraft noted that the person has been performing this job since last April; they are just trying to catch up with the paperwork and get this employee in the same position as predecessors. Mr. Kraft noted that if the comp time is valued at a rate of \$30 per hour x 240 hours, it is roughly \$7,000; the \$64,000 that they are getting paid plus the \$7,000 comes to \$71,000 which is just slightly more than the average of \$68,000 for the next level down.

Mr. Kinne said it seems to him that there are different rules for the different departments. Ms. Walter said the rules are the same, what happens in practicality may be a little different. M/C is divided into groups - have the deputies working overtime and comp time and have the mid management groups in the departments earning comp time up to 30 days per year; some departments make them turn what they haven't used over to sick leave, other departments let them carry it over; also, people may earn the entire 30 days comp time and are never be able to take a day of it off, others just a few of the days. **Mr. Kinne requested an example of a person who can't take the time off.** Mr. Kilmartin noted that it would be difficult to take comp time at the DA's office if you are assigned to a judge because there wouldn't necessarily be someone to fill in.

Mr. Masterpole asked if the employee could cash out comp time or sick time at retirement. Ms. Walter said when you leave County government you are only eligible to be paid 21, sometimes 20 days (depending on the bargaining agreement) - a combination of annual leave, personal leave and comp time. M/Cs are not normally able to cash out their excess comp time, if they have converted it to sick leave, the NYS Retirement System will allow a person to take 165 days of sick leave and convert that into about 7.5 months of credit. Ms. Walter noted that in 1992 a resolution of the Legislature rescinded the authority to pay cash overtime to management/confidential (M/C) employees. Ms. Smiley mentioned that another issue is that the M/C schedule takes a very long time to move through, CSEA is shorter; often over time they catch up to each other and then the overtime creates additional difficulties. Ms. Walter said with Condrey study in 2000 the M/C schedule was not raised by the same percentage as the CSEA. Mr. Laguzza said there are inequities that have to be addressed because there is always going to be another one of these coming down the pike. Ms. Walter said it would catch up as long as we keep treating the schedules differently.

2. PARKS: Ms. Kate Skahen, Dir. Administration

a. PULLED

b. Amending the 2008 County Budget to accept a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$57,625)

Ms. Skahen said this grant is a pass-through to the Onondaga County Snowmobile Association, accepted every year - money goes towards trail development and maintenance.

A motion was made by Mr. Masterpole, seconded by Mr. Laguzza to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

c. Discussion: Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Onondaga and the Community Baseball Club of Central New York, Inc.

Copies of the agreement were distributed to the committee members (on file with Clerk).

Mr. Laguzza said the Legislature should have some say as to whether or not they agree with any variance in the budget. Ms. Tarolli said it depends on what money and what accounts, doesn't know how it is set up, because she hasn't seen the agreement. Also, there is overriding state legislation, doesn't know to what extent, Ms. Tarolli will get back to the committee. Ms. Hann said money budgeted is for 2008, doesn't know if this agreement covers 2008. Ms. Smiley said this agreement does not include 2008. There were two issues: how do we fix the past (negotiation based on history, complicating factors in terms of what the county was collecting in the past, etc.) and being clear on how things would happen for the future so that we are not in this mess again. Mr. Laguzza said what was owed in the past is a budget item. Ms. Skahen said they do not have an outstanding receivable on the books for those utilities; they build estimated revenue into the budget every year. Ms. Smiley said if the revenue comes in less than planned in other departments, it is adjusted through other things in the budget at the end of the year, whether they come back to the Legislature at year-end depends on the dollar amount. Mr. Laguzza said if there is going to be an impact on the budget that will affect their constituency through taxes by taking money out of the general fund, the Legislature should know about it. Ms. Smiley said it was determined that in order to approve the negotiation it did not require Legislative approval.

Mr. Kilmartin recommended that all Legislators receive a copy of the Memorandum so that the Legislators have a chance to review the agreements, ask some informal questions leading up to Ways and Means when they can have comprehensive discussion with representatives from Law, Finance and Parks departments.

Mr. Kraft requested Ms. Tarolli to determine two things: first, if there were any receivables booked as an asset of the County for an expectation of payment from the Chiefs and second, does the County Executive have the authority to dismiss those obligations without any acknowledgment of the Legislature. Mr. Kraft said he was involved with the arbitration proceedings, his information says that there were hundreds of thousands of dollars, concurrent with Mr. Colons report in December, that he thought the County would get; that is now being given away by this agreement; how we give away assets of the County is a question that he would like to know more about. Mr. Kraft would like to know what dollars are involved concerning the five months of utilities for the Chiefs vs. seven months for the County. Ms. Smiley said Mr. Cuffy was the person who negotiated this; he would be able to answer the nuances.

The following options were discussed concerning how to address questions:

- a) To have a special meeting of this committee.

- b) To have a discussion at Ways and Means after all Legislators have a chance to review the memorandum of understanding and to refer all questions to one point person in the administration. Have a representative of the Law, Finance and Parks departments at that meeting.
- c) A meeting of the whole on Session day.

Mr. Meyer said that he just received the memorandum late the day before, made the decision to get it to them rather than omit the Facilities Committee, suggested they have a special committee meeting before Ways and Means or get their questions together and give them to Mr. Rhinehart for Ways and Means.

Mr. Kraft said he would get everybody involved in the decision after he receives the information requested from Ms. Tarolli. Mr. Kraft said he wouldn't call a special meeting if there were no action required by the Legislature. Mr. Kilmartin requested that the County Attorney's office give them a memorandum in the next couple of days regarding their position as to whether or not Legislative action is required for this memorandum to go forward.

Mr. Kinne said there have been nothing but problems with the original agreement and is concerned that they might run into the same problem five years down the road with another misunderstanding, it ought to be set in stone. Mr. Kraft agreed, said the deal they have now runs out in 2011, it's time to start looking at what is going to happen then, have to have a new lease, a document that is clear to all parties. Mr. Jordan questioned why the county doesn't just negotiate a whole new lease agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna H. Robb
Deputy Clerk

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HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES
ROBERT D. WARNER, CHAIRMAN - April 9, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Laguzza, Mr. Buckel, Mr. Kilmartin
MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Lesniak, Mrs. Rapp, Mrs. Winslow
ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Meyer and see attached list (Attachment 1)

Chairman Warner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza, seconded by Mr. Buckel to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of the proceedings of the previous committee meeting; MOTION CARRIED.

1. HEALTH: Ms. Linda Karmen, Deputy Commissioner

a. Authorizing an agreement with the City of Syracuse for the provision of training services to the Onondaga County Health Department Lead Poisoning Control Program

Ms. Karmen provided a fact sheet entitled Primary Prevention of Lead Poisoning Pilot Project (on file with Clerk). Funds have been awarded to the Onondaga County Health Department Lead Poisoning Control Program from the NYS Department of Health. One objective of this grant is to increase the number of individuals that are trained to work safely with lead paint. Will target the three zip codes in Onondaga County that are within the top ten percent in the State of having new cases of lead poisoning - zip codes 13204, 05 and 08. \$5,000 has been set aside for training, contract rate is \$30 per person, would be able to train and supply training manuals for 166 individuals in the community (property owners, landlords, contractors). City of Syracuse Lead Hazard Control Program has experience doing this and follows the EPA and HUD model course curriculum.

Mr. Laguzza requested to be a co-sponsor of this item.

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza, seconded by Mr. Buckel to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. Informational: Nurse Family Partnership - Ms. Sue Serrao, Dir. of Maternal Child Health Services

Ms. Serrao gave a Power Point concerning Nurse Family Partnerships (Attachment 2). Ms. Serrao said this is one of their new programs that can boast scientifically demonstrated outcomes through randomized controlled trials that most social service programs cannot do; also, it has multi generational long-term affects. They are not taking the place of the physician or midwife regarding OB/GYN care, are looking at barriers for why they are not going to health care. Ms. Serrao said the program is about relationships - when you do 64 visits over the course of two years, you really connect and they trust you, you break down the barriers.

Mr. Laguzza asked about statistics concerning infant mortality with the first child compared to the second child who may not be getting as much care and attention and also on multiple births. Dr. Morrow said it is one of the big risks in their Healthy Start program, they want to increase the time between the first born and second, there is evidence that women who enroll in Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) are much more likely to delay their second child.

Mr. Buckel asked how the clients are selected and is there any demographic targeting (either geographically or population wise) being done. Ms. Serrao said Healthy Start targets the city and focuses on infant mortality. Nurse Family Partnership targets the whole county. They are getting referrals from primary care providers, clinics, schools as well as the Departments of Mental Health, Social Services and Probation, WIC, and Family Planning. Dr. Morrow said every woman in Onondaga County has access to home visiting from the Health Department; NFP takes the highest risk women and gives them the most intensive service. In answer to Mr. Buckel, Dr. Morrow said the purpose of NFP is not focused on infant mortality but on the other risk factors of young families, such as child abuse, incarceration rate, graduation completion rate; they target the younger individuals; the older young women who might be at risk regarding infant mortality are being serviced with a different program.

Mr. Kilmartin asked how many county employees are dedicated to the program. Dr. Morrow said there are four nurses and a half time nursing supervisor, about 25 clients per nurse. Mr. Kilmartin asked if it is incredibly complex to track return on investment. Dr. Morrow said it is; biggest question is how do you count the cost of a child abuse case that has been prevented. Years from now they can look at child abuse rates and the population that they serve compared to child abuse rates and population that they didn't serve; it is very long term. Dr. Morrow said they serve 100, supported by existing staff, would like several years of data before they ask to expand it.

c. A Local Law prohibiting the sale of tobacco products or herbal cigarettes, rolling papers or pipes to anyone under the age of 19 - Mr. Warner

Mr. Warner noted that studies show that a large number of 16 and 17 year olds are getting their tobacco products from the 18-year-old high school students. Currently, approximately 20% of all the seniors in high school are 18 years old. Mr. Warner mentioned the following two reasons to pass this local law:

- To get this issue out of the high schools.
- The smoking issue plays a significant part in the Medicaid costs. One study indicates that the Medicaid cost for smoking in Onondaga County is \$35,000 a day.

Mr. Warner said that Nassau and Suffolk Counties have already implemented this law and Oswego County is now studying the issue with the intent of going forward with it. Mr. Warner guesses that if enough counties get on board, the State Legislature will have the courage to do this statewide. Mr. Warner noted that the County Executive vetoed this law last year for the following reasons:

1. ATUPA funds would not be available to enforce Tobacco 19. Mr. Warner has letters and documentation from the State agency that says the opposite.
2. Veterans spoke at the public hearing saying 18 year olds in the military ought to have the right to buy cigarettes. Mr. Warner passed around documentation stating that smoking is not permitted during basic training or technical training (up to 6 months when one cannot smoke by military rules).

Mr. Warner said he has letters of support from the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, American Heart Association and school superintendents.

Mr. Buckel said tobacco use is the single greatest health challenge to the entire world; cost to the county is more severe than any other single factor. The Institute of Medicine published a study that specifically addressed what Mr. Warner is trying to do. It mentioned two roles of states and local municipalities in reducing tobacco use: taxation rates and smoking restrictions. **Mr. Buckel said one of the keys to reducing smoking is to keep youths from starting to smoke; at this time, numbers are far too high; he enthusiastically supports this issue and asked to be a co-sponsor.**

In answer to Mr. Kilmartin, Mr. Warner said there is strong support in the County Legislature and he believes the County Executive is OK with this issue. Mr. Kilmartin asked if it would be the same enforcement agencies that enforce the restriction for 18 year olds, would additional staff be required and has Budget or Personnel looked at it. Mr. Warner said it is his understanding that it would be the exact same staff; would involve going to the facilities where tobacco products are sold and hanging signs up saying it is 19 rather than 18. Dr. Morrow said there are different options for enforcement; the fastest way to implement would be complaint based as well as routine annual inspections for the regular Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA). Dr. Morrow said they would still have to do enforcement for ATUPA, which is age 18 and below; they received notification in writing from NYS Health Department that they can use resources to broaden it to the proposed legislation; if they have ATUPA funds left over, they can apply them to Tobacco 19.

Mr. Laguzza asked if they know how many smoke of the 20% of high school kids who are 18. Ms. St. Onge said currently about 18.5% are smokers. Mr. Laguzza asked Mr. Warner what military groups he has spoken to. Mr. Warner said he has not spoken

to any, his information came from the US Military, includes all branches.

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza, seconded by Mr. Buckel to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

2. MENTAL HEALTH: Mr. Bob Long, Acting Commissioner

a. Create Program Coordinator (Community Mental Health), Grade 12 @ \$46,868 - \$51,884 effective May 10, 2008

b. Amending the 2008 County Budget regarding the Student Assistance Program

c. Personnel Resolution (abolish Student Assistance Counselors (12), SAP Supervisor, SAP Program Director)

Mr. Long distributed information regarding the Student Assistance Program (SAP) and the creation of Program Coordinator (*on file with Clerk*). Mr. Long said the above three items relate to proposals for the County to discontinue the operation of the Student Assistance Program, to amend the budget to move money from their direct operations line to their contracts line in order to contract for the operation of the Student Assistance Program and to create a Program Coordinator position to pick up some of the duties unrelated to Student Assistance Program that were being done by SAP personnel. Proposal is to insure the stability and growth of Student Assistance in Onondaga County; they originally had sixteen sites and are now down to ten sites. Of the six counties in the state that have this program, they have the only one operated as a county. Westchester, Oswego and Clinton counties have not-for-profit agencies operating the programs; Nassau and Suffolk counties have school districts operating their programs. Department believes this is an important service, but there is a better way of delivering it. A Not-for-Profit could operate the program more efficiently; also, schools have the ability to integrate this program into other community programs and other school based programs that they are already operating. Agencies are much more directly engaged with the schools day-to-day interaction level. A Not-for-Profit can provide greater flexibility to meet the needs of the schools and may be able to obtain additional funding that isn't currently available to counties; lastly, it would represent a reduction in future county liabilities and in cost to the taxpayers, such as pensions, health insurance for employees.

Mr. Warner asked what the savings would be. Mr. Long said there would be no immediate savings because they would be transferring all the funding to the not-for-profit agency. Right now the programs serves ten schools for about \$1 million per year. Cost per school would go down because of the difference in salaries and benefits that a not-for-profit would pay compared to the County.

Mr. Laguzza introduced a resolution calling for a public hearing. Mr. Laguzza expressed concern about the turnover within agencies and whether they can maintain staffing to establish long term relationships with the kids most at risk. Noted that these agencies pay less and have different benefits, there will be transition within these employees and it will be breaking the relationship again. Mr. Laguzza referred to the Mental Health annual report for 2007 where it says they are getting group ratings of satisfaction between of 96% to 99% for SAP.

In answer to Mr. Buckel, Mr. Long said they looked at the following four different options to operate the program: the County, schools, BOCES or a not-for-profit. After talking with the schools and analyzing this, they came to the unanimous decision that it should be a not-for-profit agency. Mr. Buckel asked if they prepared a thorough, documented, data driven, cost benefit analysis, and if so, why hasn't it been shared with the committee. Mr. Long said he could provide that information; in terms of some of the other points, it is more anecdotal than data driven, have had several circumstances where a school decided a counselor was not a good fit; if they force someone on a school, they lose schools; if they don't, they have an employee they are paying to work, but not work they are intended to do until another school becomes available. Mr. Buckel said what he sees on the website is a program that is successful, has high approval ratings and strong outcomes; his concern is that this proposal is being driven on a philosophy that has proven to be a dismal failure on the national level such as the use of private contractors for government services for Katrina, use of private contractors in Iraq, and contracting out essential service at Walter Reed that led to horrific conditions. Mr. Buckel said he is against government funds for government services going to the private sector, would like to see the data that is driving this decision such as the costs, benefits and the actual programmatic outcomes and then compare that to what they are reporting to the public.

Mr. Long said his department has only three services besides SAP that they operate directly (out of approximately 90 programs that they fund and oversee). They have not had the types of experiences described by Mr. Buckel on the national level, partly due to the over site of his department. Mr. Long said these agencies are not making a profit, if they don't have the expense, they don't receive the money (done on a quarterly claim basis). In terms of the satisfaction issue, he is not disputing the quality of the program; it is a national evidence based model that is an equally high quality whether operated through county, schools or not-for-profit. Mr. Long said there are some longer term relationships when a counselor feels he can help a student resolve his/her problems over more than three sessions, but generally it is designed as a short term relationship; a lot of it is prevention education, not the same kind of relationship as in a clinic where therapeutic relationships build over a long period of time and are important to the success of the outcomes.

In answer to Buckel, Mr. Long said the County funds 5% of this program, 70% is pass-through funded by the state, and about 25% is funded by the school districts.

Mr. Warner asked if a student would have the same counselor at the same school for a number of years, if needed. Mr. Long said it is a school year calendar program, relationships are disrupted over the summer, program is designed that if more than a few sessions are needed, client should be referred out.

Mr. Kilmartin asked if there are any programs similar to this that are assigned to private agencies. Mr. Long said Contact Community Services currently operates a Success Through Early Prevention program in four schools, Primary Prevention Project in seven schools, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program in nine schools, Youth Embracing Success program in eight schools, Crisis Response Team Training in four schools, Staff Development training in twelve schools, Paving "R" Way program in one school and a parent engagement involvement program in four schools; Mental Health and Education Systems Collaborative is operated by them, also Crisis Response and School Violence Prevention Network. Contact Community Services is a potential bidder for SAP. In answer to Mr. Kilmartin, Mr. Long said the SAP program started in the early 1980's, second page of his handout lists schools originally in the program and the bottom of page cites schools currently participating. Mr. Long said some schools left because of the flexibility issue in terms of personnel assignments, hours worked. Schools are currently paying about \$28,000 a year towards each counselor's cost, schools have a strong say because of this and because the counselors are working in their schools. Mr. Kilmartin noted that the net cost to the County is approximately \$70,000, asked if that takes into account fringe benefits associated with employees. Mr. Long said it does for this year, but doesn't take into account long-term pension and health insurance costs. Mr. Kilmartin asked about other counties that previously administered the program through their counties and then transitioned to private. Mr. Long said Westchester County transitioned to private for similar issues; they haven't seen a change in outcomes. Mr. Long said they have identified nine agencies that are currently funded, certified and licensed by the State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse as agencies that would be eligible to bid on the services. With their continued over site on both the financial and programmatic, the county could funnel the State money to the not-for-profit; all their contracts are annual based on the County fiscal year; initial term would be for the last six months of 2008 and then an annual contract thereafter. Mr. Long said all the schools are at least neutral, if not supportive, of this proposal. Mr. Kilmartin asked how many County employees presently work in the SAP program. Mr. Long said there are one half time person and 13 full time, including the Director. Regarding the Request to create a Program Coordinator, Mr. Long said the current director of SAP has picked up additional duties over the years.

Mr. Laguzza noted that the first resolve in his resolution calling for a public hearing is subject to change depending on the feedback in the next couple of days or weeks from parents, would have to be an evening public hearing in order for students and administrators to attend; will have a dedicated date for the public hearing before the May Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing, subject to possible change in first resolve clause, seconded by Mr. Warner. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

There was no vote on 2.a, b and c at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna H. Robb, Deputy Clerk
County Legislature

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**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - April 9, 2008
CHAIRMAN SAM LAGUZZA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. DeMore, Mr. Stott, Mr. Holmquist, Mr. Buckel, *Mr. Warner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Lesniak

ALSO PRESENT: *see attached list*

Chairman Laguzza called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Stott, seconded by Mr. DeMore, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

1. AGING & YOUTH: Lisa Dunn Alford, Commissioner

a. **Change salary of Nutrition Services Coordinator Grade 10 @ \$41,171 - \$45,555 to Grade 12 @ \$46,868 - \$51,884 effective May 10, 2008**

In 2006 the Federal Government changed the Federal Older Americans Act; which drove changes in the NYS requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Reflected changes include soliciting the expertise of a dietician who would perform

nutrition screening, education, assessment and counseling. NYS provided COLA funding to be used for recruitment and retention of registered dietitians. There are many more seniors to support in keeping them in the community, not in nursing homes. Their needs necessitate the skills of a registered dietician. Scope of new duties include: one on one nutrition counseling, diet therapy at congregate sites; clinical level nutrition services to an increasing number of elders with complex needs (increased since 2006 by 32%). The position is 100% State grant funded; position would be abolished if the State unfunds the program. Chairman Laguzza said that there is a person in the department who is qualified.

*Mr. Warner arrived at the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Stott, seconded by Mr. Buckel, to approve this item. AYES: 5 (Laguzza, DeMore, Stott, Buckel, Holmquist); NOES: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Warner). MOTION CARRIED.

2. **CONTACT - Informational:** Patty Leone, Director; Henry Brigham, Fund Development
A Power Point presentation was given (*attachment #1*).

Mr. Stott referred to "Teen Talk" and asked if the radio station gives time to Contact or if it is paid. Ms. Leone said that it is paid for by United Way and County funding. Mr. Stott said that it is a good program and asked if there has been any consideration to expand it; finding an effective way to reach out to kids. Ms. Leone said that "Teen Talk" is difficult to categories, as it isn't and actual program, and they do have difficulty security funding for it. Mr. Stott said that a lot of kids view success as being a popstar or something difficult to obtain; asked what is done to define success in their eyes and get them into reality. Ms. Leone said that part of the way the topics are developed are through the teens that are on the radio. There is an effort to focus on what their own individual strengths are and how the community can support them.

Mr. Warner referred to contract services for 17 City School Districts--asked if any county schools contract with Contact. Ms. Leone said that they do a significant amount of work with ESM School District, and do individual trainings with different districts. Everyone is drawn in with the two collaboratives that they do--mental health and education. Mr. Warner referred to a discussion at the Health Committee meeting regarding the Student Assistance Program--asked what would prevent a school from opting out of the County program and hiring Contact for those services. Ms. Leone said that they do not put mental health professionals into individual schools; they are not currently providing counselors in schools. Ms. Rooney indicated that the program in the City schools is separate. Ms. Leone said that she was referring to Primary Project; a program for kindergarten through 2nd grade students, who are having behavioral issues--that is supported by Contact in the schools. Mr. Warner said that there was discussion about agencies getting into the mental health counseling. Ms. Rooney said that they could choose to answer the RFP. Mr. Laguzza said it is an RFP question, and would be whether or not they qualify; the RFP will determine if they will bid on it or not. Ms. Leone said that they are submitting a letter of intent regarding the RFP to see whether or not Contact is a fit. Mr. Warner asked if the RFP would go out to individual schools; Ms. Leone said that she didn't think that it would. Ms. Rooney said that they can answer the RFP if they desire. Chairman Laguzza said that he is concerned that there is a letter of intent and an RFP has gone out, but a public hearing hasn't been held on the issue yet. Mr. Warner asked if a school district could go directly with Contact and not take the County plan; Chairman Laguzza suspected that it is a decision that the school district would have to make. Ms. Rooney added that the school would not receive the 75% funding from the County.

Mr. DeMore asked about County funding and staff size. Ms. Leone said that they get funding from DSS and Mental Health Departments; some is State funding that this passed through the County. There are 32 full time employees and 34 part time employees; there are 60+ volunteers.

3. SOCIAL SERVICES:

a. **Child Day Care Overview - County Budget Impacts:** Ann Rooney, Administrator - Human Services

Chairman Laguzza said that during the State of the County presentation, the Executive spoke about aiding the agencies more regarding childcare and increasing participation. He asked the Executive Department, the Budget Office, and DSS to provide bullet sheets on the program. He asked committee members to read through the handouts (*attach. no. 2*) and formulate questions, as this will be back on the agenda next month.

Ms. Rooney said that the primary bullet (2nd pg) is in regard to the parent fees, which will require legislative action as a budget item for 2009. Chairman Laguzza said that this could be a \$1 million impact on the budget--between \$100,000 - \$150,000 on the increased fees that will be paid to the agencies; and between \$750,000 - \$850,000 increase for additional families to participate.

Ms. Rooney reviewed the 6 bullet points on her briefing.

- 4% rate increase; happens periodically during a budget year. DSS looks at the number of kids and what they have; are ensured that there is enough money within this year's budget to provide the 4% increase. There have been closures within the last 2 years of the centers that serve the lowest income kids in the community--are now in a position where the closures can't continue, as there will be no place for the kids to go.
- Meeting was held regarding barriers coming into care. One idea is that if there is a single mother with child who is eligible for subsidy; it is incumbent upon her to have the father of the child to be brought to Child Support. That is a barrier--there

may be fear, or the mother does not want any further contact with him. Have requested from office of Children and Family Services for a waiver to eliminate that barrier. It is already waived in Westchester County.

- Kindertrack: automating the system--not paper and pencil anymore; web based; free to providers.
- Providers see the parents and children everyday-looking to have them as the middle person. Instead of always having direct communication between the caseworker and the mother or father; have the provider be the conduit to help get all of the paperwork together so that continuity of care is not lost.
- Childcare solutions-ask County to be a partner in research project to look at the childcare needs in the community.
- Parent fee (example on pg 3 of handout)--looking to have it more affordable for parents to have children in child care

Chairman Laguzza said that he is encouraged that the Executive Office is looking to make opportunities available for everyone. The committee and legislature needs to digest this and determine its priorities.

In answer to Mr. Buckel about income thresholds for eligibility, Ms. Rooney said it is poverty level: family of 2 - \$13,690; family of 4 is \$20,650.

Mr. Stott referred to the parents and asked to be provided with how effective the assessment process is. Ms. Rooney said that a large component of childcare is that the parent be engaged in JobsPlus and job training. The focus is to get them into employment; some are certainly employed but their income is below the poverty level.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Maturo, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES - April 10, 2008
Chairman James A. Corbett

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jordan, Mr. Kraft, Mr. Rhinehart, *Mr. Masterpole, Ms. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Winslow

ALSO PRESENT: *see attached list.*

Chairman Corbett called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

A motion by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous committee. MOTION CARRIED. A motion by Mr. Masterpole, seconded by Mr. Jordan to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

1. **LAKE IMPROVEMENT - ACJ Update:** Randy Ott, WEP Commissioner

Midland RTF

- Starting testing of various equipment; hopes to activate it a couple of weeks

Clinton Conveyances Phase I

- Progress continues; more than half way done
- Micro tunneling will start within the next couple of weeks

Parties to ACJ

Continue to meet weekly to review alternatives with green infrastructure for the Clinton service area

Chair Corbett referred to #050. Mr. Ott said that road restoration needs to be done--should take place in the next 2-3 weeks. Some sewer lining needed, but won't require excavation; contract will be completed in the next several mos.

Chair Corbett referred to the April 15th date noted in the report. Mr. Ott said that it is when the Co. Exec. would like a decision for the immediate future of the Clinton project. The decision to be made is whether there is enough information to take further time to investigate and look at alternatives, including green infrastructure. If the answer is yes; the parties have to agree to more time. Mr. Rhinehart is concerned that there is still digging--putting in conveyances for Clinton, and the work group meets every Thursday to look at alternatives. He asked how firm April 15th is. Mr. Ott said that there definitely will be a decision made before the end of the month, because that is when the bids expire for the Clinton RTF project. He feels there will be some combination of gray and green infrastructure so that the pipelines would still be used.

In answer to Mr. Kraft about Midland Phase III Pipeline; Mr. Ott said that it is not out to bid yet--hopefully it will be in a couple of weeks. There are 3 CSOs already hooked up to the Midland RTF; the pipeline will take care of the remaining seven. Regarding Clinton pipelines, Mr. Ott said there are several lines that pick up 11 CSOs but they are a lot shorter. Clinton Phase I is a \$15 million project; Phase 2A and 2B total about \$7 million. The award for 2B has been given, \$3.5 million. Mr. Kraft asked if it could be stopped if desired. Mr. Ott said that a letter of intent has been issued, and the contracts will be signed shortly. Mr. Kraft said that the idea of not doing Clinton, is really not under consideration at all. Mr. Ott said that under consideration is whether to continue with the Clinton Project as designed or whether there is an alternative that would be cost effective coupled with green infrastructure at that site. Mr. Jordan asked if there is any conceivable scenario under which the conveyances wouldn't be necessary and that some type of facility wouldn't be required. Mr. Ott feels that some type of facility will be required, but it is part of the discussion occurring with the parties; there are regulatory requirements to comply with. Mr. Jordan asked if there is a proposal being put forth from any of the parties for a system that does not utilize conveyances. Mr. Ott said "not at this time."

In answer to Mr. Rhinehart, Midland will be started up in a couple of weeks--still troubleshooting equipment.

2. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: - Dave Coburn, Director, Office of the Environment

a. Amend '08 Budget to Accept Additional Funds to Develop a Mechanistic Water Quality Model of Onondaga Lake and Authorize Co Exec to enter into Agreements to Implement the Intent of this Res (\$105,000)

Mr. Coburn said there has been work on a lake water quality model for a few years; funded by a grant from the Onondaga Lake Partnership. At the time the model was started, the Partnership created a technical review panel of independent scientists (Peer Review Panel) to monitor the model. They were to involve themselves in 3 areas: at the beginning/during design; during model development/collaboration; at the validation/integration phase. The 2nd phase was just completed; the Peer Review Panel issued a report in Feb. In March, the OLP allocated additional funds to the County to implement enhancements that the Panel recommended.

Regarding Pepsi money, Mr. Coburn said that there was \$2.8 million; \$1 million to go to the Attorney General's Office, but they granted it back to the County with the understanding that it would be used to match federal grant money through the Lake Partnership. Mr. Rhinehart asked if the County contributes to the OLP. Mr. Coburn said that there is no direct funding from the County; earlier there had been grants amounting to \$3.7 million, which is all committed or expended. There was an additional \$1 million from Pepsi settlement.

Mr. Kraft referred to other parties doing lake modeling; Mr. Coburn indicated that the only other one that he is aware of is the Upstate Freshwater Institute, who received a separate EPA grant. Mr. Kraft asked if there is a way to coordinate activities of both. Mr. Coburn said that the County has reached out frequently to them. Theirs is a research model; ours is a regulatory tool to help develop the TMDLs of phosphorus and ammonia and make a final decision on the Phase II phosphorous issue. Mr. Kraft asked Mr. Coburn to make an attempt to coordinate the 2 activities and report back to the committee. Mr. Coburn said that OLP did re-examine when it was found that UFI was constructing a model, but the County model does things that are specifically needed. It is clear that this model needs to move forward. It also links with the Seneca River model and will tie into the USGS Surface Water model. Mr. Rhinehart expressed concern over the millions of dollars that are spent on models--questioned how much is accomplished. Mr. Coburn said that that model is only one tool of the many that have to be used. This model will be used to make a decision that will cost between \$100-\$200 million.

A motion was made by Mr. Masterpole, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve this item. AYES: 4 (Corbett, Jordan, Masterpole, Williams); NOES: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Kraft, Rhinehart). CARRIED.

b. Amend '08 Budget & Authorize Co. Exec. to enter into a Contract with the USA, Dept. of the Interior, for the Upgrade and Installation of Gauging Stations at Ley Creek & Harbor Brook (\$100,000

-Randy Ott, Commissioner
Request to reallocate Pepsi money, \$200,000 earmarked for Ley Creek Gauging Station. There is a need at the Harbor Brook Gauging Station; request to move \$100,000 and enter into an agreement with U.S. Geological Survey to install new equipment at Harbor Brook and Ley Creek to improve ability to engage flows in both streams.

Mr. Jordan questioned the 5th WHEREAS clause--DA agreed to the proposed use of funds. Ms. Tarolli, Co. Attorney, explained that the DA initiated the Pepsi settlement; changes to allocation require sign off by the DA.

A motion by Mr. Masterpole, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

Mr. Ott informed the committee that there is a significant sewer break at the Franklin Trunk Sewer in East Syracuse. It is 24" sewer built in 1956; groundwater 3' below grade. It appears that 200-300' of pipe and a manhole will be required. There is about \$250,000 left in the budget or emergency repairs; this is expected to exceed \$500,000.

3. ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY: Chairman Meyer

a. Confirming Reappointment to the Onondaga County Water Authority (Mr. Tomeny)

Chairman Meyer referenced the quality operation at OCWA, low water rates, and Mr. Tomeny's qualifications. He noted that OCWA has pushed consolidation to the benefit of their constituents for many years.

A motion was made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart, to approve this item.

Mr. Masterpole discussed consolidation between MWB and OCWA--doesn't agree with having both entities. Chair Meyer noted that OCWA can't go away if there is debt; constituents of the City of Syracuse have representation on the MWB; not sure if MWB should go away. Mr. Masterpole added that more debt is trying to be piled on OCWA with covered water storage. Mr. Tomeny said that the impetus for consolidation must come from the County.

Mr. Tomeny said that he has been on OCWA Board since 1991; elected Chairman in 1996. Chair Meyer explained that these are 3-year terms; this resolution is a catch up for a year and 2 months.

Mr. Masterpole questioned OCWA's debt; Mr. Tomeny said it is about \$25 million. Established in 1951; the indenture was that OCWA cannot go out of existence if there is outstanding debt. Since the 1991, OCWA has done about \$126 million in construction and system improvements--bonded for \$25 million, done the rest with operating revenues.

Mr. Kraft referred to consolidation--it is not always more efficient or more economical. He suggested that a proforma is needed and an understanding as to what it will mean and cost before buying into any theory.

Mr. Rhinehart said that there is ongoing infusion of smaller water systems. They don't have the money or ability to meet State Health Department standards; they turn to OCWA.

Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

4. ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY:

a. **Confirm reappointment to the OCRRA (Mr. Donnelly)** - Chairman Meyer

Chair Meyer said that Mr. Donnelly has an outstanding record and highly deserves this appointment. Chair Corbett had the opportunity to work with Mr. Donnelly at Carrier; he did a tremendous job there. Mr. Rhoads said that board members are all volunteers. Mr. Donnelly is serving as the Chair of the Audit Committee. There are term limits; Mr. Donnelly served 6 years previously, took a couple of years off, is back on again and eligible for a 3-year appointment.

A motion by Mr. Rhinehart, second by Mr. Jordan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously. CARRIED.

*Mr. Masterpole left the meeting.

b. **Annual Report** - Tom Rhoads, Executive Director

- OCCRA is a public benefit corporation. Andy Brigham developed the annual report; website is listed at the bottom of it.
- Program growth - have 5 household hazardous waste events per year. The next one will be May 3rd.
- TV Events - Collection of unwanted TVs; next one is at Alliance Stadium on April 19th. Are moving towards taking TVs at the Community Events Center; taking electronics there already; open 3 days/week.
- Earth Day - April 25, 16th - one of the largest in the nation; over 8,000 people participated last year.
- Do a lot with what the County gives them. Amboy Compost site--demolition of ancient structure; took some infrastructure out; \$400,000 to rehabilitate another building as opposed to demolition and building new. The campus will be used to convert fats, oil, and grease, into bio diesel to be used for their fleets. Long term, will take institutional food waste; plan to use it as a profit in lieu of processing it at the waste-to-energy plant.
- Green Infrastructure - OCRRA wants to be part of those discussions.
- Currently stable and financially healthy

Mr. Rhinehart said that Skaneateles doesn't participate with OCRRA--can a resident bring hazardous waste to Ley Creek. Mr. Rhoads said that they are customer friendly organization and discourage it. However, there are a lot of Skaneateles PO Boxes in Spafford; they can't determine if a resident is of Spafford or Skaneateles.

Mr. Rhinehart asked about the County having its own bottle bill; Mr. Rhoads said that it is tough to administer. Mr. Kraft said that the product cost would increase; State will get the money; someone will pay to run the system. Mr. Rhoads noted that he pays about the same for a bottle of Pepsi as for a bottle of Aquafina; same bottler; same company; one has a nickel return; one doesn't. Mr. Kraft said that he is not against the return--against State taking the money.

5. Advising the MWB of the needs of this Legislature to Receive Up to Date Information regarding the Board's Current and Future Infrastructure, Maintenance and Capital Needs and Requesting Monthly Updates from the MWB to be Provided to the Environmental Protection Committee - Chairman Meyer

Chairman Meyer said that MWB has come to the Legislature with a major project with covered water storage, a great deal of discussion about the O'Brien and Gere report, questions about how adequate MWB's operation is to handle the projects. He has full confidence that MWB can handle it, but it is a responsibility of the Legislature to track the questions down. Other

departments come to committee on a regular basis. In the last 5 years, the entire time that the legislature has reviewed the MWB budget was about 35 minutes.

Chair Corbett suggested that the timing be determined by the Committee. There is still a lot to be done with Terminal, once the projects get underway, the Committee should be apprised of it. Mr. Tomeny added that OCWA would be happy to report also.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart to approve this item, seconded by Mr. Jordan. AYES: 4 (Corbett, Jordan, Rhinehart, Williams); NOES: 0; OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Kraft). MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Maturo, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES - April 29, 2008
JAMES M. RHINEHART, CHAIRMAN**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Holmquist, Mr. Kilmartin, Mr. Kinne, Mr. Stanczyk, Mr. Kraft,
Mr. Corbett, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Rapp**

ALSO PRESENT: Chairman Meyer, see also attached list

Chairman Rhinehart called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Kilmartin, seconded by Mrs. Rapp to waive the reading and approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous committee. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Board of Elections: Helen Kiggins, Edward Ryan, Commissioners

a. **Authorizing the 2008 County Budget and Authorizing the Lease of Property Located at 6361 Thompson Road, Dewitt, NY, for the Storage of Voting Machines**

- The first 27 machines were diverted to Binghamton because there is no place to put them here; all machines will be here by mid-July.
- Lease agreement is for storage for one year of 275 machines, while a more permanent solution is being sought.
- Property has 6900 sq. ft.; some construction is needed to quarter off so that BOE has sole access. The rent per square foot is \$4.00, which includes utilities.
- The lease is for 12 months, but can be discontinued sooner.

The following issues were discussed:

Lever machines will be used this year; additionally each sight will need at least one ballot marking devices for persons with disabilities.

Once the machines are in their storage area, they cannot be left alone with one party; always need one Democrat and one Republican with the machines-i.e. if a Democrat is there, then a Republican has to be there. It is a State regulation; it has to be a BOE employee.

Mr. Warner asked about security. Mr. Ryan said that it has been suggested that security cameras and motion detectors be installed. **Mr. Warner asked to be provided with the cost of the security equipment.**

Mr. Kraft referred to the Syracuse Chiefs lease agreement, and noted that he is now paying more attention to leases--questioned if the lease is for one year only. Mrs. Tarolli said that the money is only for one year. Ms. Kiggins said to continue they lease, BOE would have to come back and ask for more money.

A motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Corbett to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

2. Parks: Kate Skahen, Administrative Director

a. **Amend '08 Budget to accept a grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Authorize County Executive to enter into contracts (\$57,625)**

The item is the acceptance of a grant from the State for the snowmobile trail; it is a pass-through.

A motion by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

Mr. Stanczyk referred to a flyer that contained information about events at Co. Parks; there was a half-page regarding Friends of the Zoo fundraiser, Brew at the Zoo. He referred to an incident that occurred at the Brew at the Zoo wherein someone sued the County. He expressed concern, and asked for **clarification from Parks Dept, Co. Attorney, and Co. Executive on the wisdom of continuing this event.** Chair Rhinehart said that it should be addressed at the Co. Fac. Committee. Mr. Kraft said that he will put it on the agenda when Mr. Stanczyk is ready to come to the Co. Fac. Committee meeting.

Mrs. Skahen said that meetings have been held with the Co. Attorney's office, regarding special events in general relating to risk management; as well as with the new Risk Management Director, there is dialogue going on, and they can report back on this event in particular.

Mr. Kilmartin asked to be provided with the historical number of incidents and liabilities that have occurred resulting from this event and the generated revenue. Mrs. Skahen clarified that it would be Friends of the Zoo revenue. Mr. Kinne said that he is concerned about the liability issue; not the fundraising.

Mr. Kraft said that rules and regulations are incrementally pursued within reason. An extreme can occur, which is beyond reason. He is concerned about liability, but this is also about response to people's claims. He is not inclined to enforce regulations that someone who brings a picnic basket to a park, cannot bring a bottle of beer with them-which is where this could go.

A motion by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

3. **Health:** Linda Karmen, Deputy Commissioner

a. **Authorizing an Agreement with the City of Syracuse for the Provision of Training Services to the Onondaga County Health Department Lead Poisoning Control Program**

This item is to contract for training for the Lead Prevention Program with City of Syracuse. The City was the low bidder on the RFP, they have training and a lot of experience in doing the training according to EPA and HUD standards; about 166 individuals will be trained.

A motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Chair Rhinehart, to approve this item. Unanimous; CARRIED.

4. **Water Environment Protection:**

a. **Amend '08 Budget to accept Addl. funds to Develop a Mechanistic Water Quality Model of Onon. Lake and Authorize Co. Exec. to enter into contracts (\$105,000)** David Coburn, Dir., Office of Environment

Accept \$105,000 grant from Army Corp of Engineers for enhancements recommended by an independent peer scientific committee to the water quality model being developed by the County. The model and peer review are projects associated with Onondaga Lake Partnership to help make decisions about TMDLS and Phase III phosphorus limit.

A motion by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Kinne, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

b. **Amend '08 Budget and Authorize Co. Exec. to enter into a Contract with the USA, Department of the Interior, for the Upgrade and Installation of Gauging Stations at Ley Creek and Harbor Brook (\$100,000) -**

Randy Ott, Commissioner, WEP

This is moving \$100,000 of Pepsi settlement money that was put in the Ley Creek project to the Harbor Brook project and enter into an agreement with the USGS to upgrade Ley Creek and Harbor Brook gauging stations with new flow monitoring equipment to be used with the Ambient Monitoring Program, Flood Control and CSO programs. Stream gauging measure flow on a daily basis for Harbor Brook and Ley Creek and sampling is done-- USGS does flow gauging; County does monitoring of the water quality.

A motion by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk, to approve this item. Unanimous; CARRIED.

5. **Ageing & Youth:** Lisa Alford, Commissioner

a. **Change salary of Nutrition Services Coordinator Grade 10 @ \$41,171 - \$45,555 to Grade 12 @ \$46,868 - \$51,884 effective May 10, 2008**

- '06 Fed changes to Older Americans Act which required NYS to make changes for persons who provide nutritional assistance and counseling
- A change - solicit expertise of dietician
- In NYS, it is defined as a registered dietician
- Many more elderly have medical, dietary, health needs in the community; many are staying at home
- Funding was made available because of increased qualifications
- Personnel did a salary comparison; in line with similar positions
- 100% grant funded

Mr. Stanczyk asked about personnel in nutrition services and what they do. Ms. Dunn replied that there are 3; approximately half of their time is spent in the field. They have contracts with various agencies, i.e., Meals on Wheels, Nutrition Services personnel are responsible for monitoring them and providing nutrition consultation. The non-profits that they work with do not have registered dietitians on their staff.

Mr. Warner asked about nutritionists in other departments, how does workload and pay compare. Ms. Dunn said that Personnel did a comparison and scope of responsibilities, and recommended a grade 12 based on comparing other positions and scope. In 2006 there were 170 clients; it has increased to 225 clients in 2008.

Mr. Kilmartin asked that the resolution be amended to reflect that if the grant goes away, the position will also.

A motion by Mrs. Rapp, seconded by Mr. Warner to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

6. **SOCPA:** Don Jordan, Director

a. **Create Research Technician I, Grade 9 @ \$38,313 - \$42,378 effective May 10, 2008; Abolish Planner I, Grade 11 @ \$44,012 - \$48,711 effective May 10, 2008**

The position will be in the 911 address administration section-supporting 911 system, researching problems, assigning new addresses, working with telephone companies to make sure their databases are accurate. 911 supports the change. Currently there is someone in the Planner 1 position doing this work; another Planner 1 has retired, which is the person they are looking to fill.

Chairman Rhinehart asked if the County feels there is a need to have the 911 address information reviewed. Mr. Jordan said that there will always be problems that pop up; the unit's job is to improve accuracy of the data in the 911 system. They will handle complaints from the public; there are contracts with most towns to assign new addresses and this person will be working on that. Some towns handle addresses on their own.

A motion by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Corbett to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

7. **Transportation:** Mark Lynch, Commissioner

a. **Abolish 6 Highway Night Shift Supervisors, Gr. 10 @ \$41,171-\$45,555 effect May 10, 2008; Create 6 Highway Shift Supervisors, Gr. 9 @ \$38,313-\$42,378 effect May 10, 2008**

The night shift supervisors were used in the winter as the night highway patrol people. An issue has arisen with the ability to keep them in that temporary position in the winter season; can only keep them for 3 months. In working with Personnel, a determination was made to use the Shift Supervisor position at a grade 9. In winter, these people would serve the same function. In summer, they would serve as assistant section foremen. No new hires. There is a savings the first year of \$2,800. As employees climb steps, there would be a total cost of \$1,900.

A motion by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Kinne, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

b. **Authorizing the Sale of County Highway Property located in the Town of Dewitt to Mayflower Elm Holdings, LLC and Pavone Associates, LLC (\$14,745)**

A motion by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Kilmartin to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

There are 2 parcels of surplus property left over from highway relocation that the State did; County has owned it for years. Appraised values are \$10,174 and \$4,571.

In answer to Mr. Stanczyk, Mr. Lynch stated that the buyer engaged the appraisers. There is a policy that as long as they hire a reputable individual, the County is OK with it. There is a cost to the appraisal being done. The buyer has to choose from a list of approved appraisers that the County has found acceptable. Mr. Stanczyk feels the policy should be looked at.

Mr. Stanczyk questioned the amount of other properties like this that the County owns. Mr. Lynch said that there is a lot, and the big issues is the liability to the County.

c. **Authorize the Reconstruction and Construction of Improvements to Various Bridges in and for the Co. of Onon, NY, at a max. est. cost of \$1,325,000 and authorize the issuance of \$1,325,000 Serial Bonds of said County to pay the cost thereof (\$1,325,000)**

d. **Authorize the Reconstruction and Construction of Improvements to Various Highways in and for the Co. of Onon, NY, at a max. est. cost of \$8,199,000 and authorize the issuance of \$8,199,000 serial bonds of said County to pay the cost thereof (\$8,199,000)**

The annual work plan-State budget was not settled the plan was proposed to the Co. Fac. Committee. Now there is \$575,540 of CHIPS money available. The amount was reduced from the first packet to \$9,524,000; have increased the paving portion by \$214,000 to help offset some of the escalation in asphalt and fuels. State figures for asphalt adjustment are \$467/metric ton; last year they were \$353/metric ton at this time.

Mr. Kraft made a motion to approve items 7c and 7d, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk. The votes were taken separately: Item 7c-unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Item 7d-unanimous, MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Rapp asked about the Taft Road project; Mr. Lynch said that they hope to be out this fall.

e. **Amend '08 Budget to Accept Addl CHIPS Funding as a Result of '08-'09 Adopted NYS Budget**
A motion by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Kinne to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

8. **OCPL:** Joyce Latham, Director

a. **Amend '08 Budget to Accept State Construction Funds for the Onondaga County Public Library and Authorize the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$204,750)**
A motion by Mr. Kinne, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

Mr. Stanczyk asked about the upstairs area of White Library being extremely warm, and asked if it has been corrected. Ms. Latham said that air conditioning was replaced years ago, but when turned on it is very loud and drafts out any conversation in the library. There is a strategy in place for the White Library for the HVAC.

b. **A Local Law amending Local Law No. 18-2002 Providing for the Establishment of Fines and Fees Collected by the Onondaga County Public Library and Syracuse Branches**
A motion by Mr. Kinne, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

An estimated impact on the budget was distributed (attachment #1); the impact for '08 is estimated to be (\$20,500).

Mr. Stanczyk asked how the collection consultant's services have worked. Ms. Latham said that it is looked at in terms of the fines collected and the cost of materials that are returned. **Mr. Stanczyk asked for a one-page detail on the amount of fines brought in; amount assessed in materials that come back; amount paid for contract for services.**

9. **Ways and Means Miscellaneous:**

a. **Amend '08 Budget to Accept State Homeland Security Funds for the Dept of Emergency Mngmt and Authorize the Co Exec to Enter into Contracts (\$502,400)** - Peter Alberti, Commissioner, Emerg. Mngmt.
A motion by Mr. Warner to approve this item.

- Continuation of the program; federal funds that come through the State
- Obtained \$1.2 million in 2004. The grant will run through June 2010
- 3 main programs--expanded critical infrastructure protection, preparedness planning, public awareness & education
- Alternate EOC, \$65,000-fed & state gov. recommended; back-up site; working to finalize structure; agreement to use Solvay Fire Dept's space--needs to be made more robust to operate efficiently. Includes funds for towns, villages and co. depts., \$111,800, to have their own operation center, interoperability, coordinating systems.
- Pilot project with Town of Camillus, as they were already in the planning stages of forming an EOC; maintain some standardization and coordination--didn't want them having a completely diverse system from county
- The needs for towns will vary, i.e. generators, meeting space, computers, interactive white boards, software system for exchange of information, telephone equipment. An assessment will be done on the needs.
- A town or village wants to participate, there will need to be an intermunicipal agreement

Chairman Rhinehart asked if the County has a chemical response team. Mr. Alberti said that it is a Special Operations Response Team, which includes a hazardous materials team. It is a special team authorized by law; fire departments agree to participate in it. The local fire chief signs on that his equipment and personnel would be maintained to respond anywhere in the County. Additionally, the County provides equipment and training to support them. Some of this money will be used for the team.

Mr. Corbett seconded the motion. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Amend '08 Budget to Accept State Homeland Security Funds for the Onon. County Sheriff's Office and Authorize Co Exec to enter into contracts (\$324,200)** - William Peverly, Chief, Civil Department

- Non-competitive Homeland Security grant funds, no match required.
- Sheriff meets with law enforcements agencies: City, towns, villages to determine projects to be funded
- 11 agencies, Sheriff, City, towns and village submitted projects to be funded
- Sheriff's office will purchase radio accessory equipment--bone microphones to allow for hands-free operation
- Interagency project--replace Peacekeeper with a BearCat, a chemical, biological, radioactive, nuclear, explosive response armored vehicle. Transports 10 personnel with equipment, armor plated, ballistic windows; capable of stopping up to 50 caliber rounds of ammunition, natural gas and radiation detection systems
- Peacekeeper (being replaced) - 1980 military surplus vehicle obtained by the Sheriff's office in 1999; not mechanically reliable, will only start with a jumpstart. From 2000-2007 over \$15,000 was spent on maintenance

- BearCat--Ford, 3 yr/36,000 mile warrantee, 5 yr/100,000 mile warrantee on diesel engine; serviceable locally; annual maintenance costs estimated to be about \$200. Cost is \$237,000; \$174,000 of 2007 Homeland Security funds used; \$63,000 from 2006 Homeland Security Funds

Chief Peverly handed out on the Peacekeeper and Bearcat and a budget breakdown/agency (*attachments 2&3*).

Chairman Rhinehart asked about the ballistic shield, \$1,200. Chief Peverly explained that it takes on heavier rounds of ammunition, there are types that are on wheels.

Chief Peverly noted that the BearCat has other uses; can be brought in between the line of fire, HGDT people are going to situations where they are walking up to area. The BearCat allows them to get into the area and make physical examinations from within it before making personal contact.

Mr. Kinne asked how many times the Peacekeeper was used. Chief Peverly said it varies; about 6 times last year; about 14 in 2005; it is used in training. It is there when needed, but it is not needed every day.

A motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Corbett to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

c. **Local Law Amending Local Law No. 11-07 to Authorize the Sale of Co. Property to the Jamesville Fire Dist. at a Consideration of One Dollar, Payment Waived (Sponsored by Mrs. Winslow) - Mr. Stanczyk**

Mr. Stanczyk said that originally it was thought that the property could not be sold for \$1; but it has been determined that it can be.

A motion by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Kinne to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

d. **Call for a Public Hearing on the Tentative 2008-2009 Budget of the OCC**

A motion by Mr. Kinne, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

e. **Appoint Costello, Cooney & Fearon as Legislative Counsel for the Co. Legislature** - Chair Meyer

A motion by Mr. Kilmartin, seconded by Mr. Warner, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

10. **Law Department:** John Sharon, Deputy County Attorney

a. **Proposed Settlement and Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss the following:

Alden B. Starr, Plaintiff vs. Co. of Onondaga, the Town of Onondaga, Town Board, The Onondaga Co. Sheriff's Office, Ron Ryan, in his individual and official capacity as Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Onondaga, John Does 1-15, in their individual and official capacity as deputies for the Onondaga Co. Sheriff's Office and John Does 16 -30, in their individual capacity as officials for the Town and/or Co. of Onondaga, defendants.

Shelley Lee O'Neil, individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of William L. O'Neil, deceased, Plaintiffs. V. Onondaga Co., Onondaga Co. Sheriff's Department, Onondaga County Justice Center, Onondaga Co. Sheriff Kevin Walsh, Onondaga Co. Sheriff Nehemiah Taylor, Onondaga Co. Health Department, defendants.

Enterprise v. Onondaga County Department of Social Services.

Allstate Insurance Company a/s/o Cynthia Pasternak-Giocondo v. County of Onondaga.

Chairman Rhinehart seconded the motion. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Warner to exit executive session and enter regular session. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

The following resolutions were considered:

Authorizing the Settlement of the Matter of Enterprise v. County of Onondaga.

A motion by Chair Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Warner to approve this item. Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

Authorize Settlement of the Matter of Allstate Insurance Co. A/S/O Cynthia Pasternak-Giocondo V. Co. of Onondaga

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH L. MATURO, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

Related Documents

- [4-7-08 Planning Attach #1](#)
- [4-8-08 CO FAC ATTACH #2](#)
- [4-8-08 CO FAC ATTACH #3](#)
- [4-9-08 HEALTH ATTACH #2](#)